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Dear Sir,

I have lately rec^d a letter from my friend
General Lee, in which he expresses his Anxiety to have
something secured to him in consequence of the
Revolution of Congress at the time of his entering into
our Service. It is not to be expected, that he can
~~now~~ produce proof of his Estate being confiscated in
England — but it is very probable, that Administration
will entirely prevent his receiving any Benefit from it —
His Acc^s have actually been protested, and I believe
wholly on account of the part he has taken.

He has purchased an Estate in Virginia, which is
mortgaged to M^r R. Morris for the purchase Money,
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the General is desirous of having advanced - His Request is
so very reasonable, that I hope Congress will immediately
grant it, without waiting for a direct Application
from him - which, I think, he ought not to be
compelled to make. If he ever recovers his Estate, this
Money will only be lent to him by the Continent. If
his Estate is lost, the Continent ought to indemnify him.
I do most earnestly beg of You to advocate his Cause, and
to speak to as many of your Friends in Congress as You
conveniently can, on the Subject. I should be exceedingly
sorry if Congress should vote out on the Question in such a
Manner as to give the General entire Content, and also to
do him Honor. His Services deserve such a Behaviour toward
him - I have recd. a Letter from Mr. John Rutledge,

in which he mentions his indefatigable industry
in our cause —

I am,

lis,

your very obed^t serv^t

Wm Dick ins^{ly}

Elizabeth Town July 9th 1776

To

James Wilson Esquire
a Member of the Congress

in Philadelphia

John Dickinson Esq
1775

[Elizabeth Town, New Jersey, July 26, 1776]

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